IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please revise the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number [0037] with the following:

[0037] In the first graded layer 230, the concentration of the second optical material increases with the height of the graded layer, and the concentration of the third material is kept in proportion to that of the second material. The height is measured along a <u>direction</u> perpendicular to the substrate 210 from the interface of the blocking layer 220 and the first graded layer 230 to the interface of the first graded layer 230 and the uniform layer 240. In one embodiment, the concentration profile along <u>the direction</u> a perpendicular to substrate 210 varies in a linear fashion (see Figure 3(a)). However, other embodiments where the concentration profile varies in a non-linear fashion are also contemplated (See for example Figs. 3(d)-3(f)).